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THE CITIZENS OF WILKES-BARRE may be enthusiastic over Browning, but they can't play ball.

Curtailing Aldermen's Fees.
A decision just made by the commissioners of Dauphin county threatens to curtail somewhat the fat fees heretofore extorted from a suffering public by not over scrupulous aldermen, but promises to give signal encouragement to the reformation of our petty court system. It had for years been the practice in Dauphin county to collect fees for prisoners who had been bound over to quarter sessions court and then discharged. The habit of throwing such cases into court, needless to say, took rapid root under such financial encouragement, and court costs mounted up with a rapidity out of all proportion to the increased amount of real justice dispensed.

The commissioners of Dauphin county last Saturday decided to institute a reform. Unexpectedly some of these numerous bills were submitted to close scrutiny and found to be wholly without warrant in equity. A rule was made that hereafter fees of this kind can only be collected four times a year, on the Wednesday following the regular session of quarter sessions court, and must have been first certified to and filed with the prothonotary. The advantage of this restriction lies chiefly in the fact that it is a first step toward putting a needed check on inordinate perquisites. In itself, the rule may not amount to much, but prophetically it is significant.

If there is one problem at present before the taxpayers of Pennsylvania, and particularly the taxpayers of those portions of Pennsylvania in which mixed racial elements abound, it is the problem of purifying the petty local courts. When men possessing skill or no knowledge of the law can, through influence or "pull," leap from positions of obscurity into magistracy paying larger incomes than are enjoyed by senators of the United States, and thereby with impunity the acts of the demagogue and the petty forger, at the community's expense, it is time to inquire seriously into the workings of such an iniquitous system. This is not saying that all aldermen are rascals; but it does mean that if all aldermen chose to be rascals they would have an easy time of it. Whatever tends to limit present opportunities for roguery in this branch of the judiciary is deserving of encouragement and general limitation.

At the American club dinner in Pittsburgh, last Friday, Representative Jack Robinson was seated next to Walter Lyon. When called upon to speak and in answer to some playful allusions by the toastmaster, he responded by clasping Mr. Lyon's hand, remarking as he did so: "This is a free country and everybody has a right to run for office, but I wish to assure that staunch Republican and worthy gentleman, my opponent, that if the convention decides against me, I am willing to go to every cross-roads in the state to help his cause, and my face will show not a ripple of dissatisfaction with the decree of the party." This is the kind of talk that has been the true ring to it. An honest fighter fears no foe and cherishes no malice when fairly whipped. It is to be regretted that all participants in this preliminary discussion of candidates are not disposed to emulate Jack Robinson's manly spirit.

Needed Consular Reform.
Chairman Morgan of the senate committee on foreign relations and Bellamy Storer, a member of the house committee on foreign affairs have, with the approval of their respective colleagues, co-operated in the formation of a bill which is expected, if passed, to exercise a beneficial influence upon the quality of our diplomatic representation abroad. The bill provides for the creation of a non-partisan commission comprising, in addition to the secretary of state, two senators and two representatives, paired politically, and commission to have authority to place the entire diplomatic and consular service of the United States, below the grade of ministers resident, upon a non-partisan, merit basis, with experience and fitness, as evidenced by suitable examinations, made the only requirements to appointment.

It is not expected that the bill will receive immediate approval. Two great obstacles intervene. One is the fondness of partisan workers for berths in the consular service; and the other is the lack of a law placing all these consuls and consular agents upon a graded salary basis with absolutely no side perquisites in the form of clerical or notarial fees. As it is today, many an office worth only a few hundred dollars in salary is good, under expert manipulation, for an annual revenue of thousands. The consul-generalship at London was at one time worth, altogether, more than the presidency of the United States, while those at Paris and Liverpool are not much poorer, in point of revenue. So long as these inducements beckon, it will be difficult to get the consent of the practical politicians in congress to a bill which would rule them and their friends off these inviting foreign pastures except upon demonstration—which few could give—of real fitness for the work and responsibilities involved. The first step, therefore, is to abolish the fee system in toto, substituting therefor moderate graded salaries.

This done, it will not take long for public sentiment to compel the adoption of the balance. The idea is rapidly gaining converts that if it is worth while to have a consular service at all, it is worth while having a good one, and not one which is the mock and by-

play of the trained diplomats of Europe. The duties of an American consul or consular agent are today onerous and important. In a high sense he is an international trade agent. He is one of Uncle Sam's "drummers." If he be bright, full of tact and thoroughly up to date he can swing a volume of business and prestige worth many times his salary. If he be a despicable party hack or an indolent party pensioner, he can do an equal quantity of serious and irreparable harm. The profession of diplomacy, as a profession, requires talents of the highest order. These cannot be expected to develop themselves between quadrennial political fluctuations at home. When a man gives proof of fitness he should be retained; when the reverse, discharged. Politics should play no part in the decision.

The Cause of Constitutional Government.
Generally the cause of constitutional government is the gainer from the fact that Joseph H. Choate has consented to preside over the deliberations of the New York state constitutional convention, which convenes next Tuesday in Albany. The work of this body will have lasting significance throughout the country, and the influence wielded by its chairman, in the appointment of committees, as well as in his individual conference, will do much to determine the convention's success or failure.

Coxey to the Rescue.
The approach of Coxey to the capital has supplied an opportunity to the reporter word-painters of Washington which is thus picturesquely improved by the representative of the Associated Press:

Citizen James Slesher Coxey, commander-in-chief of the Good Roads Army of the Commonwealth, standing on a rickety wagon in the center of the Brightwood Driving park, waving aloft his Alpine hat to one of the most cosmopolitan and extensive audiences ever gathered in Washington, announced this afternoon that the greatest march of the nineteenth century had been accomplished. The march had been accomplished, as Citizen Coxey said, but it was in vain, for in spite of the fact that the thousands of unemployed that its projectors had prophesied, three hundred and a half of miserably dressed, woe-begone, grumbling, out-at-the-elbows and run-down-to-the-bone specimens of humanity, who bore a striking though perhaps undesired resemblance to the familiar genus tramp, marched into the park, led by a wheezing apology for a band, picked seats and stretched themselves in the sun.

It will thus be seen that Citizen James Slesher Coxey, in addition to receiving the down-trodden millions from the relentless clutch of a besotted and ring-riddled congress, has come proudly to the relief of the despairing Washington space filler. What with congress drowsing over tariff bills, Grover skimming himself in with his grief and even Billy Hines good for only one outburst per day, the lot of the alert correspondent was getting anything but exciting.

We are thankful to Coxey. Personally, he is becoming something of a bore. But in his influence upon the capital correspondents he has been singularly refreshing. He has illumined an otherwise dull and lusterless routine.

THE EXTREMED HARRISBURG Patriot has brought out its periodical cry that the ticket likely to be nominated at this month's Republican convention is a "ticket of the bosses which no Republican has the temerity to break." Of course the Patriot is sincere. It knows full well that bossism in any odious sense was never further below par among Pennsylvania Republicans than it is today. It knows equally well that the voters and not the bosses of the party are running things today. But, having got sick of Patison bossism and Harry bossism, the Patriot merely wants to divert its disgusted mind by fancying it perceives the same evil in the enemy's camp. Yet what the use? Democracy in this commonwealth is not to be benefited by such weak nursing. Its disease is altogether beyond reach of such tepid medication. Besides the dodge is old, hopelessly, hopelessly old.

IN AN ALLEGANY court room the other day Judge Porter administered a sharp rebuke to a clergyman who had, in criticism of one of his rulings, threatened the judge with the tangible displeasure of voting members of his congregation; and intimated that deference to the minister's sacred office alone prevented the court from meting out exemplary punishment. The case is a happy, of infrequent occurrence; yet it offers salutary instruction to those mistaken ministers who sometimes use their great and honored calling as a political shield whereby to frustrate imprudent officials. No one is disposed to deny any clergyman the right to express his personal convictions on any subject whatsoever; but there is decided objection these days to the occasionally encountered policy of connecting the ministerial function into a willing auxiliary of boss-ridden politics.

FOR A MINISTRY which was not expected to survive its christening, the Roseberry government seems to be doing remarkably well.

THERE IS evidently a growing field for a Keesley branch institute in near proximity to the senate of the United States.

VOORHEES had his lungs, and Torpie would do well to profit by his example.

TOM REED
at Pittsburgh.

The speech of Thomas B. Reed at the American club dinner at Pittsburgh last week was very inadequately reported by the press news associations. A perusal of its entire text convinces us that it is deserving of more general publicity than it has yet received. Following are some notable excerpts:
America is too great, her resources all too mighty, for even the worst legislation and most incompetent rulers to destroy. What the country needs is not repressive, but developing statesmanship, conservative, preserving the rights of all, but progressive, making all that is possible out of our great possibilities.
What impoverishes the mill owner impoverishes the mill worker. You cannot divide nothing. The apple must be grown even for the small boy to get the core, and nobody ever had a cut of fish until he was caught.
Under the fierce light of our present conditions we see things more clearly, and begin to realize that the simple program of the Democracy to reduce prices and wages together has come into collision

with the eternal verities of the world, and must go to pieces.
I have said that there might become consolation to be had even in our distresses. One consolation which I find is that the men who render us their services, whether of brain or muscle, will learn that they are the guardians of their own future, and that before they begin the struggle for survival of the fittest, they must first see that there are some profits to divide.

Mr. Reed's only reference to the silver question is a general one, but interesting in view of his concurrence with ex-President Harrison as to the inevitable future of this vexing coinage problem. This is what he said:

What course the Republican party will pursue to obtain international bimetalism, which we must have, I cannot venture to predict, but I am confident that the wisdom which has guided that party safely and securely through even greater financial questions than that will, when we have the power and responsibility, be found to bestir with us for the great glory and advancement of this country.

One can imagine the hearty cheering which greeted this many expression by the distinguished speaker.

When I look on all that is transpiring today and witness the wild unrest of the people, the crowds rushing to and fro hardly knowing what they want themselves, but missing, they know not how, the prosperity to which they have been accustomed all their lives; when I look on this and the misery we have faced, and are yet to face, and thinking selfishly, I feel a sense of satisfaction that those who have made all this trouble have got to face it. But when I think of it in a broader spirit and remember that most of those who suffer are innocent or sorry, I rejoice that the destinies of this country are so soon to be handed over to that staunch old party which, while it has often fallen short of the highest excellence, has always had that saving common sense which has led it, sooner or later, but always surely, to the paths of safety and honor.

For this concluding excerpt we bespeak an extra degree of attention:

Had any one of the eloquent men who two years ago proclaimed the Republican truth to listening multitudes, painted in the colors of error and sedition so visible today to every eye, the future of the Republic just as we see it at this moment, his most partisan auditor would have had no slight cause of shame at what he might well have thought was the excessive exaggeration of mere party fervor. No one oration was ever delivered which told in prophecy one tithe of the story which is history today. It is not the disgraced and cowardly crowds which seem to be aiming, but in an aimless way, toward the capital of the nation. It is not the mobs running, leaping and dancing, and no time at all, nor capital piled up unused at the centers of trade, nor even labor unemployed for nearly a year past, which completes the saddest portion of the picture. To me the most ominous of all, is the utter inability of the people to reach their own instruments and to compel the fulfillment of their own will. Here is a country where government by the people was fondly hoped to have found its truest and latest expression, the people seem to be powerless to control their own legislators, and to correct by sober reflection the excesses of the passions, the day in American history—the day when the present congress and the present executive were chosen to preside over the unhappy destinies of the citizens of the United States.

LIVE JOTTINGS OF POLITICS.

Butler's two delegates are for Lyon.

Secretary Stewart carried Bucks county with a whip.

Giles D. Price will have Warren county's support for the auditor generalship.

Robinson defeated Lyon at the Warren county primaries Monday, after a spirited battle.

Senator Showalter, of Butler, has withdrawn from the canvass for secretary of internal affairs.

Judge Harry White, of Indiana, has three better Republican opponents in his fight for a re-nomination.

Judge Simonsen refused to let the Populists hold yesterday's State convention in the Dauphin county courtroom.

Senator John H. Brown and ex-Senator E. E. Robinson are taking a siesta for the congressional conference in Westmoreland.

Representative Hardick, of McKean, will be a candidate for the speakership next session, but the prospects say it will be Speaker Walton.

Formal announcement is made of the candidacy of Isaac P. Hand, of Luzerne, for the Republican nomination for orphan's court judge.

Representative Ira F. Mansfield, the Beaver county operator, and Jacob Wehrand will be re-nominated by acclamation. Both are experienced and useful legislators.

The state delegate from Wyoming county will vote for Colonel Stewart for lieutenant governor. He has at least twenty-five ears, and perhaps more to come.

The case against County Commissioner Charles Allen, of Schuylkill county, who, elected as a Republican, flipped over when it came to dispensing patronage, has been lacking.

Captain Johnson's friends now claim sufficient delegates to defeat Judge Clayton for re-nomination in Delaware county, in spite of Clayton's strong but disreputable backing.

S. P. White, of New Brighton, and S. P. Stone, of Bridgeport, are candidates for the senatorial nomination in Senator Quay's district, the Forty-sixth. Quay is non-committal.

The fight in Schuylkill county ended in a draw, with a slight balance in favor of the anti-Lynch side. Robinson captured two delegates and Lyons one; but none were instructed.

Reading has a large and juicy councilman's salary. It is charged that four councilmen offered to approve a certain sewer contract for a consideration amounting to \$6,000. An investigation has been ordered.

Senator T. Stewart seems to be a candidate upon the general principle that if there is any likelihood of a factional scrap between the other fellows, the party will want him as a compromise. He has, for some time, been the dark horse in the lieutenant governorship struggle, and is now mentioned as an excellent alternative in case McDowell and Huff get too spirited in their struggle for the associate place with Galusha A. Grover. Meanwhile his great popularity is constantly bringing him rapid accretions of strength and it is worth while to keep an eye on him.

As convention day draws nigh there is renewed preparation among the faithful. The L. choir, at Harrisburg, will shelter Colonel Stewart, who will locate his lieutenant gubernatorial boom in room 118; Major McDowell, who will dispose of water from rooms 112 and 114; Fighting Jack Robinson, who will entertain his friends in a suite of apartments on the second floor; besides Chairman Gilkeson and Secretaries Telford and Cox, of the state committee, ex-Collector Cooper, who will be merely an "on-looker in Venice," General Reader, of Easton, Representative Focht, of Union, and Burdick, of McKean, ex-Representative Ekins, of Luzerne, ex-Senator Showalter, of Butler, Candidate Giles D. Price, of Erie, Candidate George P. Huff, of Westmoreland, ex-Chairman W. H. Andrews, free from his senatorial fetters in Crawford, Journal Clerk Fred Flitz with a party of friends from this city and numerous other prominent Republicans. At the Commonwealth the Hastings contingent will, under the tent, escorted by Colonel James H. Lambert, of the Philadelphia Press, the entire Philadelphia delegation, which has engaged thirty rooms. Lieutenant Governor Watres, Major Warren and other friends from Lackawanna, Editor Theodore Hare, of Pittston, a victim of the Delamater faction of four years ago, and many others. The Commonwealth will also shelter Walter Lyon, ex-Adjutant General Latta and Senor or Boies Penrose. At other hotels there is a corresponding demand for accommodations, and enthusiasm is obviously mounting higher each day.

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